U. S. Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Cutter

American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) Guide for Building and Classing Naval Vessels (NVR)

The U.S. Coast Guard intends to require that the OPC will be classed to ABS NVR (with CG Appendix) January 2010 edition. Shipyards interested in preparing proposals in response to the forthcoming OPC Request for Proposal will need to have access to NVR in order to understand the full scope of OPC requirements.

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Interested Shipyards

In order to gain access to any part of the NVR, send an email to:

rdelpizzo@eagle.org

with a copy to:

tingram@eagle.org

Attach to the email two scanned documents:

- 1. a scanned copy of your company's approved DD 2345 form and
- 2. a scanned copy of a letter on your company's letterhead stating you are interested in submitting a proposal in response to the forthcoming OPC solicitation which requires your access to the NVR.

ABS will obtain concurrence from NAVSEA 05D for appropriate need-to-know determination as it relates to the OPC.

If your organization has already gone through this procedure (and already has access to NVR), then you do not need to repeat it.

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